

Office of the Secretary, USDA

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(2) Maintain liaison with the Congress and the White House on legislative matters of concern to the Department.

(3) Coordinate all programs involving intergovernmental affairs including State and local government relations and liaison with:

- (i) National Association of State Departments of Agriculture;
- (ii) Office of Intergovernmental Relations (Office of Vice President);
- (iii) Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations;
- (iv) Council of State Governments;
- (v) National Governors Conference;
- (vi) National Association of Counties;
- (vii) National League of Cities;
- (viii) International City Managers Association;

(ix) U.S. Conference of Mayors; and
(x) Such other State and Federal agencies, departments and organizations as are necessary in carrying out the responsibilities of this office.

(4) Maintain oversight of the activities of USDA representatives to the 10 Federal Regional councils.

(5) Serve as the USDA contact with the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations for implementation of OMB Circular A-85 to provide advance notification to state and local governments of proposed changes in Department programs that affect such governments.

(6) Act as the department representative for Federal executive board matters.

(b) [Reserved]

[60 FR 56393, Nov. 8, 1995, as amended at 68 FR 27447, May 20, 2003]

Subpart P—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Administration

§ 2.87 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulations at 5 CFR part 2638. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration shall be the USDA Designated Agency Ethics Official and shall exercise all authority pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulations at 5 CFR part 2638.

(b) Pursuant to § 2.24(a), subject, to reservations in § 2.24(b), the following

delegation of authority is made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Assistant Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

[67 FR 65690, Oct. 28, 2002]

§ 2.88 Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.24 (a)(3), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization:

(1) The Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, under the supervision of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, has specific responsibilities under the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 644(k). These duties include being responsible for the following:

(i) Administering the Department's small and disadvantaged business activities related to procurement contracts, minority bank deposits, and grants and loan activities affecting small and minority businesses including women-owned business, and the small business, small minority business, and small women-owned business subcontracting programs;

(ii) Providing Departmentwide liaison and coordination of activities related to small, small disadvantaged, and women-owned businesses with the Small Business Administration and others in public and private sector;

(iii) Developing policies and procedures required by the applicable provision of the Small Business Act, as amended, to include the establishment of goals; and

(iv) Implementing and administering programs described under sections 8 and 15 of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 637 and 644).

(b) [Reserved]

[65 FR 77763, Dec. 13, 2000]